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SUBJECT: SLOGANS APPEAR IN ZAGREB

SUMMARY: NUMEROUS PAINTED SLOGANS APPEARED OVERNIGHT MAY 24 ON ZAGREB SIDEWALKS AND BUILDINGS. THESE CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT PARTY LINES AND MAY REFLECT ORCHESTRATED ACTIVITY FORESHADOWING YOUTH DAY AND PRESIDENT TITO'S BIRTHDAY MAY 25. END SUMMARY.

1. MORNING MAY 24 FOUND NUMEROUS BRIGHTLY AND OFTEN NEATLY PAINTED SLOGANS ON ZAGREB'S SIDEWALKS AND BUILDINGS. THESE INCLUDE "DOWN WITH NATIONALISM" ON SIDEWALK BY CROATIA'S NATIONAL THEATER; "WE WANT A RED UNIVERSITY" ON WALL AT ZAGREB UNIVERSITY HEADQUARTERS; "DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM" ON SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF US CONGEN; "WE WANT WORKERS IN THE UNIVERSITY" AND "TITO, PARTY, COMMUNISM" ON WALLS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM; "DOWN WITH ELITISM" ON SIDEWALK IN FRONT ESPLANADE HOTEL. "TITO, YUGOSLAVIA," HAMMERS AND SICKLES, AND NAMES "LENIN," "MARX," "ENGLES," ALSO PROMINENT.

2. WHILE SUGGESTION CAN BE HEARD PRIVATELY THAT INITIATIVE FOR SLOGAN PAINTING WAS FROM "FAR LEFT" STUDENTS, THEMES OF SLOGANS QUITE CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT EMPHASES IN PARTY STATEMENTS AND SLOGAN PAINTING MORE PROBABLY REFLECTS ORCHESTRATED ACTIVITY FORESHADOWING YOUTH DAY AND PRESIDENT

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TITO' S BIRTHDAY MAY 25.

3. HAVE DRAWN ATTENTION CROATIA' S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO SLOGAN
ON SIDEWALK AT CONGEN. HE HAS CALLED CITY AUTHORITIES ABOUT
REMOVAL.

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